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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of 6 pages with 2 sections only.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in Section A. Answer only **ONE** question in Section B.
3. Write all your answers in the answer booklet.

SECTION A: SENTENCE CORRECTION [30 MARKS]

Question I (10 marks)
Instruction: *Choose the best answer for each question below.*

1. Select the sentence that is CORRECTLY punctuated.
   A. At the age of eleven Ian's brother has begun teaching him to ride a motorcycle.
   B. I asked Amir what his favourite fruit was, but I did not expect him to say durian.
   C. "It is so nice to finally meet you two," Ben said with an English accent and a big smile.
   D. Khaled Hosseini's novels entitled The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns have been sold over 38 million copies worldwide.

2. Select the sentence that is CORRECTLY punctuated.
   A. Ryan recently lost his job; he can no longer afford to support his family.
   B. The project was assigned a month ago, therefore, it is expected to be completed on time.
   C. My mother adores baking so I gave her Nigella Lawson's latest cookbook for her birthday.
   D. Highly successful people have four common qualities; they have a vision, they are honest; they are adaptive and they show gratitude.

3. Select the sentence that is WRONGLY punctuated.
   A. The students' trainer brought extra bottles of water to avoid dehydration.
   B. Someone has stolen Sheena's valuables: including her wedding ring, mobile phones and laptop.
   C. Our annual concert had to be cancelled; there were lightning, high winds and persistent rain last night.
   D. A 19-year-old student died after coming in contact with a high tension wire while taking a selfie above a stationary train.

4. Select the sentence that is WRONGLY punctuated.
   A. In the book, unicorns symbolise "the spirit of purity, innocence, and childhood".
   B. *Nom korng*, the Cambodian version of doughnut, is a common grab-and-go breakfast for the locals.
   C. Poi Jee Lung, 31, said he would visit the hospital once a month with his wife, Wong Siow Lan, 33, for her thyroid treatment.
   D. Klang Valley is the most popular education destination for foreign students in Malaysia, thanks to the infrastructure and cultural activities available.

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5. Identify the sentence that uses correct capitalisation.
   A. Datuk Lee Chong Wei is determined to compete in the 2017 all England Championship despite his recent injury where he tore his medial collateral ligament (mcl) after slipping at the new Academy Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara.
   B. Datuk Lee Chong Wei is determined to compete in the 2017 all England championship despite his recent injury where he tore his medial collateral ligament (MCL) after slipping at the New Academy Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara.
   C. Datuk Lee Chong Wei is determined to compete in the 2017 All England championship despite his recent injury where he tore his Medial Collateral Ligament (MCL) after slipping at the new Academy Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara.
   D. Datuk Lee Chong Wei is determined to compete in the 2017 All England Championship despite his recent injury where he tore his medial collateral ligament (MCL) after slipping at the new Academy Badminton Malaysia (ABM) in Bukit Kiara.

6. Identify the sentence that uses correct capitalisation.
   A. Nor Badli Mohamad Alias, the former CEO of TCH Engineering Bhd (TCHE), was charged with receiving rm570,000 from Syarikat RL Sdn Bhd director Hanafi Daud at Green Leaf cafe, no 15, Solaris Mont Kiara between 3 pm and 4 pm on Nov 1, 2013.
   B. Nor Badli Mohamad Alias, the former CEO of TCH Engineering Bhd (TCHE), was charged with receiving RM570,000 from Syarikat RL Sdn Bhd director Hanafi Daud at Green Leaf Cafe, No 15, Solaris Mont Kiara between 3 pm and 4 pm on Nov 1, 2013.
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7. Choose the sentence with correct spelling.
   A. Being humorous can make us feel good and attract more people to befriend us.
   B. Network Rail's new sustainability strategy aims to look futher into the UK rail network's future.
   C. One of the most baffling problems which business executives face is employee resistence to change.
   D. JustRooms.com offers over 4000 bedrooms available across a wide range of accomodation for holidaymakers.

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8. Choose the sentence with correct spelling.
   A. My basic principal of life is to live life to the fullest and to focus on the positive.
   B. You can find new and used miscellaneous goods for sale on Gumtree's website.
   C. Vivy Yusof has been her idol and Athirah owes all her success and acheivements to the Fashion Valet co-founder.
   D. Many volunteers are helping the commitee to plan the company annual dinner's theme, itinerary, entertainment, decorations and food.

9. Which of the following sentence is error-free?
   A. Since Malaysia was an export reliant economy, English Proficiency was a key catalyst to the Nation's development.
   B. Since Malaysia was an export reliant economy english proficiency was a key catalyst to the nation's development.
   C. Since Malaysia was an export-reliant economy, English proficiency was a key catalyst to the nation's development.
   D. Since Malaysia was an export-reliant economy, English proficiency was a key catalyst to the nations development.

10. Which of the following sentence is error-free?
   A. Three speakers presented at the Power Talks event; Murad Hassan from Pestariang Systems, Kuala Lumpur: Yong Poh Kin from Star Media Group, Singapore: and Fedi Nuril from MRGC, Jakarta.
   B. Three speakers presented at the Power Talks event; Murad Hassan from Pestariang Systems Kuala Lumpur; Yong Poh Kin from Star Media Group Singapore; and Fedi Nuril from MRGC Jakarta.
   C. Three speakers presented at the Power Talks event: Murad Hassan from Pestariang Systems, Kuala Lumpur; Yong Poh Kin from Star Media Group, Singapore; and Fedi Nuril from MRGC, Jakarta.
   D. Three speakers presented at the Power Talks event: Murad Hassan from Pestariang Systems, Kuala Lumpur, Yong Poh Kin from Star Media Group, Singapore, and Fedi Nuril from MRGC, Jakarta.

Question II (10 marks)
Instruction: *Choose sentences that are error-free.*

1. A. Most of the spilt milk have been mopped by the cleaner.
   B. Neither the boys nor Qisya understand the severity of the problem.
   C. Three years is considered too long for Sarah and Alan to be engaged.
   D. Dania, as well as Ray, were required to submit a video resume to the company.

2. A. On the table are traditional dishes prepared by the international students.
   B. Playing sports such as tennis and rugby demand not only physical strength but also mental ability.
   C. The annual event featuring successful online entrepreneurs are expected to attract 100,000 thousand participants.
   D. Despite the unpredictable weather in the past days, there are no doubt that the matches will proceed as planned.

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3. A. Focus on your work unless you will make mistakes.
   B. Najlaa cannot drive, yet she takes a taxi everywhere.
   C. Khan detests listening to rap music, but he tolerates heavy metal.
   D. The actor gave a captivating performance although he had rehearsed often.

4. A. The penguin is a flightless bird.
   B. Ahnaf's wife earns the higher salary than him.
   C. Between Aidil and Zaquan, the former is a better footballer of the two.
   D. In 2010, Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger launched an Instagram as a free mobile application.

5. A. At times of need, you can always lean against my shoulder.
   B. Helena's house is located in the corner of Wisteria and Rose Lanes.
   C. Employed men work in average 42 minutes more per day compared to employed women.
   D. My sister was cleaning the house and by chance, she saw a ring that I had lost beside the dustbin.

6. A. Noah did not recognise whom she was.
   B. The twins, one of who is my colleague, attended my wedding.
   C. Mira Filzah is the celebrity whose photographs I shot last week.
   D. Alex does not know the candidate who he will be interviewing today.

7. A. I cannot imagine Faiz to climb up the stairs carrying all the heavy equipment.
   B. The children look forward to spending the weekend with their aunt and uncle.
   C. The company has agreed launching their latest fragrance before the festive season.
   D. Our Maths tutor kept reminding us to avoid to make silly mistakes in our calculations.

8. A. Noor applied little moisturiser on her dry arms and legs.
   B. So far, only few people have bought tickets to the EXO concert.
   C. I am unsure of how many furniture I need to buy for my new apartment.
   D. Much stress can increase the risk of miscarriage in the early months of pregnancy.

9. A. The worker claimed that he has milked the cows before heading home.
   B. Since it had been raining non-stop, Rox thought she will stay indoors instead.
   C. Lisa mopped the floor, tidied the kitchen, but she cannot rearrange the furniture.
   D. Officials has confirmed that Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was born in Kuala Lipis and will turn 64 next month.

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10. A. To many teenagers, being accepted by peers is more important than parental consent.
    B. The house on our left belongs to my son while that on our right is owned by my daughter.
    C. To get ahead at work, one needs to excel in analysing data, using computer applications and public speaking.
    D. Xiamen University is not only offering scholarships to Indian students, but deserving students can get financial aid too.

Question III (10 marks)

Instructions: *The following extract contains ten errors in sentence skills. Identify and correct the errors as shown in the example.*

Example:

No.	Line	Error	Correction
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The Golden Generation

Weymi Cho moved to Vancouver at the age of fourteen, to **attends** boarding school. Her family owns a successful semiconductor business in Taiwan, so her parents are from mainland China. She and her sister attended an international school, which prepared them for studies abroad, and she spends summers travelling in America or Australia. "My dad always wanted our English to be strong," she told me. "The plan was always to send us out west."

The west is the plan for many of China's new rich. In the past decade, they have swept into cities like New York, London, and Los Angeles snapping up properties and provoke anxieties about globalised wealth. The Chinese presence in Vancouver are particularly noticeable, thanks to the city's position on the Pacific Rim, its pleasant climate, and its easy pace of life. China's newly minted millionaires see the city as an haven in which to place not only their money, but increasingly, their offspring who come there to get an education, to start businesses, and to socialise.

The children of wealthy Chinese are known as *fuerdai*, which means rich second generation. In a culture where poverty and thrift were long the norm, their extravagances have become notorious. Last year, the son of China's richest man posted pictures online of her dog wearing two gold-plated Apple watches, one on each front paw. On online forums, citizens complain that *fuerdai* are flaunting what they have not earned and that their grotesque displays are a poison to the work ethic of Chinese society. President Xi Jinping has spoke of the need to guide the younger generation of private-enterprise owners to think where their money comes from and live a positive life, the government also recently held an educational retreat for seventy children of billionaires, who were given a crash course in traditional Chinese values and social responsibility.

Adapted from Fan, J. (2016, Feb 22). *The golden generation.* Retrieved from http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/02/22/chinas-rich-kids-head-west

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SECTION B: ESSAY WRITING [30 MARKS]

Instruction: *Choose **ONE** of the topics below and write a five-paragraph essay of about 400 words.*

Question 1

The gaming industry generates millions of dollars each year. With stunning graphics, outstanding gameplay and amazing visual effects, mobile games have created a social phenomenon, causing many to be addicted to gaming. What are the negative effects of excessive gaming?

Question 2

University education is perceived by many as extremely important. For most people, it has become the necessary admission ticket to good jobs and a middle-class lifestyle. In your opinion, should university education be offered for free?

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